

## INDO-SWISS NEWS LETTER

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### Message from SICC India President



Dear Chamber Members,

It gives me extreme pleasure to bring you this quarterly newsletter on behalf of the Chamber. We are at one of the most important times of our journey as a chamber. In the midst of 75 years of Indo- Swiss friendship treaty year and in advanced stages of discussion in the historic Free trade agreement between those two iconic countries India and Switzerland. Your Chamber has been working relentlessly on various initiatives to add value to member companies and you as an individual which you will get a snapshot in this newsletter. Lots of exciting initiatives has been planned for future. I urge each of you to come forward with your ideas and feedback on how we as a chamber can continue to add value to each of the member companies. Hope you appreciate the efforts in compiling this newsletter for your quick reference.

Warm Regards,  
Satish Rao

## India's Growth Potential & Prospects

July 21, 2023, Chennai



As we all know, India's growth has accelerated over the past 7.5 decades. However, this acceleration has recently stalled at a rate of 6-7% per annum. Can India regain its momentum and step up the growth rate to 8-10% again? To share insights on “**India's Growth Potential & Prospects**”, Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce India, invited **Mahesh Vyas, Managing Director and CEO of the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy.**

The event was graced by the presence of **Sanjay Madhavan-Honorary Consul of Consulate of Switzerland, Tamilnadu and Jean-Baptiste Délèze- Head Economy, Trade and Finance of Embassy of Switzerland to India and Bhutan.** Their presence added a global perspective to the discussion and enriched the exchange of ideas. We would also like to thank **WIZ, Jayaram Radhakrishnan** and team for graciously hosting the event at their beautiful research and development centre. The perfect venue added to the enriching experience we all had during the session.

One of the key takeaways from the session was the comprehensive understanding of the significance of growth and why it alone may not be sufficient for sustainable development. Mr. Vyas emphasized the importance of holistic development, addressing broader aspects beyond mere growth figures. This holistic approach is vital for fostering an inclusive and balanced economic growth that benefits all segments of society. His valuable projections and potential trends to watch out for left us all with a sense of anticipation and preparedness for the future.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our members for their participation who made it a memorable gathering.



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## Indo Swiss Bollywood Nite

August 4, 2023, NCPA, Mumbai



What a night it was at the Indo Swiss Bollywood Nite, an enchanting spectacle that transported us straight from India to the captivating landscapes of Switzerland! Hosted by the Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce India and supported by **Swiss**



**Business Hub India- Florin Müller | Switzerland Tourism- Misha Gambetta** and the **Consulate General of Switzerland, Mumbai- Mr. Martin Maier**, this event was a true celebration of the vibrant connection between the two nations. Under the skillful baton of Pranaay Pradhan and his talented team, the evening unfolded as a harmonious symphony, between Bollywood and the breathtaking beauty of Switzerland. Not only that, the event also offered a splendid opportunity for pre and post-event networking, uniting members of the Indo Swiss community in a meaningful way. Marking a momentous occasion, the night also embraced the joyous spirit of the 75 years of cherished friendship between India and Switzerland, beautifully coinciding with the Swiss National Day week.



## Exclusive Networking Breakfast with SICC Switzerland Chairman

August 21, 2023, Consulate General of Switzerland in Mumbai



Bilateral trade and relationship between any two countries climbs new heights once the Free Trade Agreement(FTA) is signed. A step toward this direction is our efforts on behalf of Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce to garner support from stakeholders towards FTA dialogue and negotiation between Switzerland and India.



This will be a truly historic step towards bringing these two friendly countries even more closer. Thanks to Philippe Reich, Chairman of Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce, Switzerland who enlightened the business community here at Mumbai on the latest update regarding this initiative. The meeting which was attended by the Swiss industry delegates also culminated in a warm exchange between the **two Chamber leaders Satish Rao - India and Philippe Reich -Switzerland**, symbolizing the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration towards this strategic initiative.



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## Sustainability and Industry 4.0

September 1, Hotel The Ritz-Carlton, Pune



**Sustainability and Industry 4.0**, the two pivotal topics that are shaping the future of Business and Innovation, was very well captured by the leading representatives of the **LPS Bossard- Mr Rajesh Jain and Mr Vineet Talwar** who not only enlightened but also inspired our guests into how social impact can be achieved by fostering a sense of belonging in society which resonated well with everyone in attendance. It was a powerful reminder that true sustainability goes beyond just environmental concerns; it encompasses the well-being of our communities and the people within them.

The presentation on Industry 4.0 was nothing short of remarkable. It was eye-opening to witness how a

manufacturing industry can seamlessly transition towards digitization and adapt to the ever-evolving industrial landscape. Our Knowledge Partner-PWC also covered a few points on what Indian subsidiaries can do to close the gap between net zero ambition and reality and how companies are gearing up to manage this change.



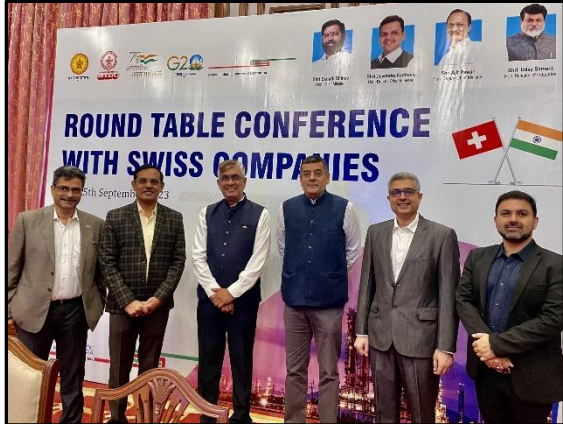
## Post-Davos Round Table Discussion

September 5, 2023, The Sahyadri State Guest House, Malabar Hill, Mumbai



The **Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce India** in collaboration with **MIDC** hosted a **Round Table Discussion on various topics related to Trade and Commerce** at Sahyadri Guests House, Mumbai on Tuesday 5th September, 2023. This significant event is a direct continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed at the prestigious World Economic Forum, Davos held in January 2023 this year. **The MIDC and the Swiss Indian Chamber of Commerce India (SICCI)** formalized this partnership in the esteemed presence of our **Honourable, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on January 17, 2023**. **MIDC** with its vast array of investment opportunities, is at the forefront of driving economic growth in the state. **SICC India** members had the unique opportunity to engage with the **MIDC** team and discuss various topics related to operating at **MIDC** and benefits of this **MOU**.

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The candid and transparent discussions exemplifies the collaborative spirit of this partnership. This event marks a significant milestone in our journey towards fostering stronger business ties and collaborative opportunities for chamber members. Another wonderful value- add reason to be a part of Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce and thus fostering



harmonious collaboration with industry partners enabling mutual support. Thank you, **Florin Müller** for your esteemed presence and insights on investment opportunities in India and Switzerland.

## Interaction with Chamber Members

It is so rightly said, that face to face interactions builds trust and encourage strong relationships. SICC in its constant endeavours to create a collaborative atmosphere for its members strongly believes that these interactions allows both the parties to know eachother better. While the Chamber not only serves as a business platform but also as a community that nurtures strong relationships, fosters collaboration, and enables mutual growth. These initiatives align with the chamber's mission of creating a supportive and dynamic ecosystem for its members.



Meeting with Sanjeev Sharma  
Country Managing Director  
of ABB India Ltd, Bangalore &  
Satish Rao- President SICC India  
and Meghna Shah-CEO SICC India



Factory Visit  
Autoneum India Pvt Ltd  
**Ashish Kaul**  
Head of Operations & Business Development - India & Thailand  
**Jean-Baptiste Délèze**  
Diplomat at Federal Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA

## Networking dinner with Consulate Generals Thailand, Israel, Italy, Netherland and South Africa

September 29, 2023, Hosted at residence of Swiss Consul General, in Mumbai







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## Collaboration on CSR Platform with Non-Profit Organisation

October 3, 2023, Embassy of Switzerland, New Delhi



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## Swiss-Indian Chamber of Commerce National Executive Committee

 <p>Satish Rao President</p>	 <p>Meghna Shah CEO</p>		
 <p>Ashwani Keswani President-West</p>	 <p>Vaibhav Pitale Vice President-West</p>	 <p>Anil Kudal President-Pune</p>	 <p>Kulathu Kumar Vice President-Pune</p>
 <p>Prashant Gokhale President-South</p>	 <p>Gaurav Ahluwalia Vice President-South</p>	 <p>Punit Gupta President-North</p>	 <p>Ashish Kaul Vice President-North</p>
 <p>Deepak Parab President-Tamilnadu</p>	 <p>Jayaram Radhakrishnan Vice President-Tamilnadu</p>	<p>North-East Chapter Coming Soon.....</p>	